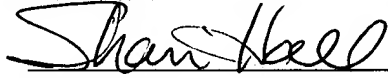


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Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 23, 1996. This extension will extend the time the response is due from March 23, 1996 to May 23, 1996.

- ☒ A two month(s) extension is requested; the extension fee is \$390.00.
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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1952. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Dated: May 2, 1997

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